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**Subject:** Subject: Possible Relocation for ORD Scientist to Los Angeles Field Office

Hi Ann,

I'm replying on behalf of Region 9. Unfortunately, we do not have enough room in our small Southern California Field Office to accommodate this request. As we have indicated to Tim Watkins previously, we do have some room in our main regional office in San Francisco. Hope that helps.

Best,  
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Hello, Alexis, Amy, and Matt

Debra Denton suggested that I email you collectively.

- Alexis, you and I go back to when my husband, Marc, and I almost came to work at Region 9.
- Amy, it was Debra Denton who recommended you for this short list of recipients.
- Matt, you and I go back fairly far, too. And since you are mentioned in the Draft Business Case memo, I added you to this list.

All of you have reputations for doing what is good for Region 9 and EPA.

I am hoping that you can help my colleague, Dr. Maliha Nash. You are aware that EPA's ORD-Las Vegas Laboratory is closing this fiscal year. Employees have been offered relocation to other ORD facilities on the East Coast and in the Midwest, with many choosing to retire or find other work, and others choosing to move. In some cases, employees have ongoing research taking place in Region 9 (California), and it makes sense that they would stay in close proximity to their study areas, collaborators, and customers. I am one of those scientists, and I decided that it is time to retire. Dr. Nash is another of these scientists, at an earlier point in her career. She would like to continue her research with EPA, and has

the option of doing so from Cincinnati or Research Triangle Park. But moving there would take her far from her research study areas, collaborators, customers, and family.

Dr. Nash would like to relocate from Las Vegas to the EPA Region 9 Office in Los Angeles, at no cost to the government, to continue her research. What is needed now, is for Region 9 to support this relocation by affirming the value of having this scientist located at a Region 9 facility. Her salary is not an issue. And ORD may pay the costs of her office/phone/computer access, as it is doing for other ORD employees currently located in Los Angeles, if there is strong regional support.

I have worked with Dr. Nash through her entire 20-year career at EPA and I wholeheartedly vouch for her work ethic, the usefulness of her broad statistical experience and results, and her productivity. Her CV and Draft Business Case memo for relocation are attached. I would like to highlight two areas of her ongoing research that I think are important for Region 9 at this time:

- California Case Study for Endangered Aquatic Species, part of the ORD Chemical Safety and Sustainability Strategic Research Plan; and
- EnviroAtlas, part of the ORD Safe and Healthy Communities Strategic Research Plan.

The Business Case memo highlights these projects in more detail, as well as many others that Dr. Nash and colleagues conducted in the Western U.S. in the past; additional details are available depending on your interests. These research efforts offer much to Region 9 and the State of California in terms of cutting-edge science and improved decision making. Having Dr. Nash readily available to interact with Region 9 and State of California staff and collaborators will be a significant advantage to both ORD and Region 9 as the studies progress.

If after reading the attachments you would like to pursue this further, then I suggest you contact the following individuals depending on your type of interest:

- Dr. Maliha Nash, Research Statistician, National Exposure Research Laboratory (NERL) at [Nash.Maliha@epa.gov](mailto:Nash.Maliha@epa.gov);
- Dr. Michael McDonald, Chief, Ecological and Human Community Analysis Branch, NERL at [McDonald.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:McDonald.Michael@epa.gov);
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- Ms. Anne Neale, Project Lead, EnviroAtlas at [Neale.Annie@epa.gov](mailto:Neale.Annie@epa.gov); and
- Mr. Tim Watkins, Director, National Exposure Research Laboratory at [Watkins.Tim@epa.gov](mailto:Watkins.Tim@epa.gov).

I am also available to discuss this until my retirement date of June 8, 2018.

Thanks, Ann

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